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# GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

I wish each of you a belated Happy New Year. I hope your year is off to a great start!

As this issue of *The Bridge* makes its way to mailboxes and coffee tables around the world, I am reminded of all that goes into developing a magazine like this. It all starts with a communications plan containing priorities, goals, objectives and so forth. It is no different for our University as a whole, and to that end, we recently unveiled UIU's Destination 2022 Strategic Plan.

As I noted in the Strategic Plan document, higher education is changing rapidly. We must be proactive in our approach and determined in our resolve if we are to achieve our vision of being recognized internationally for academic excellence and continual innovation in student-centered learning. Our Destination 2022 Strategic Plan outlines a comprehensive, multi-year set of five Strategic Priorities. Within these priorities, we have identified specific Strategic Goals, Strategic Objectives and "metrics" for measurable outcomes. I invite you to review the product of this meticulous, data-intensive and inclusive process at [uiu.edu/strategicplan](http://uiu.edu/strategicplan). In particular, we will also be seeking your support and involvement as we move forward with "strategic priority five" to "Establish a culture of giving, service and engagement...to enhance our University and the communities we serve!"

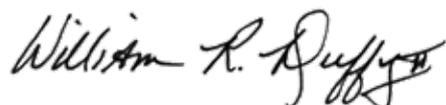


In this issue of *The Bridge*, we have a lot in store for you. First, we will inform you about two new University features for our students — the Peacock Arts and Athletics Center (PAAC) and the Military and Veterans Service Center (MVSC), both at Fayette Campus. We also revisit Homecoming 2017, meet our Grand Marshal Kent McElvania and look back at our Athletics Hall of Fame members and alumni honorees. You will also find great articles about a pair of military alumni siblings who have entered the world of conservation management, along with our Digital Archives, Giving Day, first mock trial team and international exchange program success stories.

Finally, if you flip to the middle of this issue, you will find our Donor Report. In this insert, you can view information about how your generous gifts are making a difference in the lives of current and future UIU students. I cannot thank our donors enough for all they do each and every day so we can continue to deliver exceptional outcomes leading toward an Education Built for Life.

Commencement is Friday, May 5. As that date nears, I invite you to visit Fayette Campus or the UIU location nearest you to offer your congratulations and support to the class of 2018.

GO PEACOCKS!



William R. Duffy II, Ed.D., Ed.S.  
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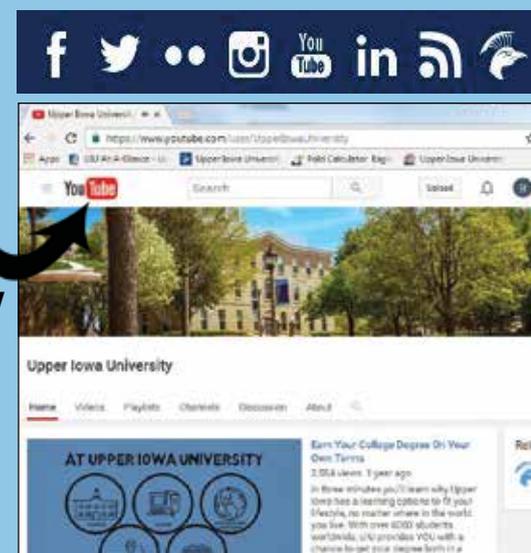


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**Front cover photo:** Zach Kaldenberg, a senior graphic design major from Sully, Iowa, is among the students benefiting from the additional working space available at the Peacock Arts and Athletic Center. Additional information on the facility can be viewed on page 4.

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# NEWS BRIEFS

More information about these headline stories and others can be found at [uiu.edu](http://uiu.edu) and/or [uiubridge.com](http://uiubridge.com). Additional photos can be viewed at [Flickr.com/upperiowauniversity](https://www.flickr.com/photos/upperiowauniversity/).

## UIU receives top military education honors

Upper Iowa University was named a Military Friendly® Top 10 Gold School and a Military Times Best College in November.

First published in 2009, Military Friendly Schools is the most comprehensive resource for veterans today. Each year, the list of Military Friendly Schools is provided to service members and their families, helping them select the best college, university or trade school to receive the education and training needed to pursue a civilian career. As with all Military Times rankings, Best Colleges 2018 is an editorially independent news project that evaluates the many factors that help make colleges and universities a good fit for service members, military veterans and their families. More than 600 colleges took part in this year's detailed survey. Additional information can be found at [uiubridge.com](http://uiubridge.com).



## UIU-Fort Polk recognized



Upper Iowa University-Fort Polk Center staff members have been recognized for representing Fort Polk's MWR (Morale, Welfare, Recreation) in a positive light, being present to brief incoming soldiers to Fort Polk and providing them a warm welcome to UIU. Center Director Robert Bellflower

(far left) and Academic Advisor Paul Archangel (far right) are pictured displaying the award alongside Jake Meottel (center), a psychology major from Los Angeles, California.

## Juror's Special Mention



Katie Brooks, a senior art major from Manchester, Iowa, was the juror's Special Mention in Clay at the Iowa Crafts: 43 exhibition. The event was held at Charles H. MacNider Art Museum in Mason City, Iowa, in November. Brooks is pictured with another piece of her artwork at the Peacock Arts and Athletic Center.

## New teaching tools



From left: Jenna Elsbernd, Calmar, Iowa, and Kailyn Weber, Center Point, Iowa, are among the anatomy and physiology students benefiting from a new teaching tool acquired with School of Science and Mathematics Churbuck Dean's Fund monies by UIU Assistant Professor of Biology William Jones. The five Maniken®

work stations provide students the opportunity to build clay muscles and organs to place on the small Manikens, or plastic skeleton models.

## STEM-Pro Scholars named



The recently selected UIU STEM-Pro Scholar participants include (l-r) Riley Pfiffner, Atkins, Iowa; Wayne Ross, Canton, Minnesota; Taylor Myszka, Athens, Wisconsin; Titus Bell, Calumet Park, Illinois. Not pictured are Ashley Buchtela, Oelwein, Iowa; and Oscar Richmond, Peoria, Illinois.

Upper Iowa University has named its first STEM-Pro Scholars. The 2017 participants are Titus Bell, a sophomore software engineering major; Ashley Buchtela, a freshman information systems major; Taylor Myszka, a sophomore mathematics major; Riley Pfiffner, a freshman mathematics major; Oscar Richmond, a freshman information systems major; and Wayne Ross, a freshman information technology major.

Upper Iowa University was awarded a \$650,000 S-STEM (Scholarships in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) grant by the National Science Foundation. In addition to funding scholarships in 2017 and 2018, grant funds will be used by the University to research and strengthen STEM-related educational and programming opportunities — not only for UIU but for all educational institutions.

The ultimate goal of the program is for STEM-Pro Scholars to develop their full potential as STEM professionals by establishing self-identity and acquiring the skills to define and solve complex problems. With faculty guidance, academic supports, co-curricular experiences and innovative family programming, participating students will be more fully engaged in their chosen fields and, thus, persist in overcoming challenges.

Future UIU students may complete a STEM-Pro scholarship form at [uiu.edu/academics/department/stem/financialsupport.html](http://uiu.edu/academics/department/stem/financialsupport.html).

## Education Club president attends ISEA



Upper Iowa University Education Club President Alycia Kelly serves on the Iowa State Education Association (ISEA) Student Program Executive Board and attended the state organization's September meeting.

"I believe public education is vital in the development of children," Kelly said. "I will always do whatever it takes to make a positive impact on each child that walks into my classroom."

Kelly is a senior elementary education major from St. Olaf, Iowa. She is certifying in K-8 reading and instructional strategists I.

# FACULTY NOTES

**Greg Beatty, adjunct instructor**, won second place in the 2017 Ligonier Valley Writers Flash Fiction Contest with his short story "The Cup Isn't Haunted."

**Sheila Crook-Lockwood, assistant professor of nursing**, passed the Certified Nurse Educators' exam in August 2017 and now holds the National League for Nursing certification of CNE.



**NiCole Dennler, lecturer of communication**, in collaboration with Wartburg College, took seven UIU students to Peru in May 2017 for a two-week stay in the Amazon rainforest. The once-in-a-lifetime experience included tours of a clinic, rum factory, preserved rainforest and canopy walkway. The contingent

also spent an afternoon with a medicine man, had the opportunity to hold a sloth, and witnessed river dolphins and tribal rituals. Pictured are (l-r) Cindy Riniker, travel guide Raul, NiCole Dennler, Rose Danaher, Lexi Lloyd, travel guide Ricardo, Kailyn Weber, travel guide Willie, Hannah Dotter, Johnathan Garcia and Daniel Peters.

**Adrienne Finlay, associate professor of English**, read from her new novel at the C.D. Wright Women Writer's Conference at the University of Central Arkansas in November 2017.



**Melinda Heinz, assistant professor of psychology**, presented "Theory Utilization Lessening? An Analysis of Theories in Psychological Research" at the International Association of Gerontology in Higher Education World Congress last July in San Francisco.

**Janet Kehe, professor of education, Gina Kuker, professor of education, Barb Ehlers, associate professor of education, Billie Cowley, associate professor of education, and Jodi Grover, teacher education coordinator**, attended the IACTE Fall Conference "Celebrating Our Professional Identity: Shared Knowledge and Advocacy" in Coralville, Iowa, in October 2017.

**Gina Kuker, Jodi Grover, Wyatt Eide, adjunct instructor, and students Madison Corkery and Erik Cunningham** attended the Iowa Council for Social Studies Conference in Altoona, Iowa, in October 2017. The conference, themed "Meeting the Challenge: Bringing the Social Studies to Life," focused on issues in the field of social studies, such as project-based learning and engaging kids in the classroom. Popular sessions included "Equipping kids to ask questions," "Tools to teach financial literacy," and "Practical literacy strategies for the secondary classroom."



Pictured here (l-r), students Madison Corkery and Erik Cunningham, Adjunct Instructor Wyatt Eide, Teacher Education Coordinator Jodi Grover and Professor of Education Dr. Gina Kuker attended the Iowa Council for Social Studies Conference.



**Meghan Mettler, assistant professor of history**, had an article titled "Godzilla versus Kurosawa: The Presentation and Interpretation of Japanese Cinema in the Post World War II United States" accepted for publication in the *Journal of American East Asian Relations*.

**Nick Serra, professor of English**, authored the article "To Never See Death: Yeats, Reincarnation, and Resolving the Antinomies of the Body-Soul Dilemma." It was published in the September 2017 issue of *Religions* (doi: 10.3390/rel8090182).

**Roland Vazquez, professor of social science and anthropology**, presented a paper titled "Looking at the Law: The Normalization of the Legal and Social Recognition of 'The Victims' in the Basque Autonomous Community" at the American Anthropological Association's 2017 national conference in Washington, DC.



**Steve Weiss, associate professor of psychology**, presented a paper titled "Can Participants be Influenced to Score Higher on the Reinvestment Scales?" at the Association for Applied Sport Psychology's annual conference on Orlando, Florida, in October 2017.

## UIU centers celebrate anniversaries



UIU-Milwaukee and UIU-Elkhorn

Former UIU-Milwaukee and Elkhorn Center Director Marshall Whitlock (seated) is pictured with (l-r) Academic Advisor Lynne Zygowski, alumna Gloria Lezala '97, and Financial Aid Advisor Wendy Sandmire during the Thursday, September 14, Milwaukee and Elkhorn centers' anniversary celebration. Whitlock retired after 11 years of service to UIU in October 2017.



UIU-Wausau

Northcentral Technical College President Dr. Lori Weyers and Upper Iowa University President Dr. William R. Duffy signed a Virtual College Alliance as part of the UIU-Wausau Center's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration Monday, November 13.



# A SHOWCASE FOR PEACOCK

The artistic creativity and craftsmanship of Upper Iowa University students are already on exhibit at the Peacock Arts and Athletic Center (PAAC), and the art of the swing will soon follow. The newly leased building has created an exciting space for two- and three-dimensional art, and the UIU baseball, softball and golf teams will soon take up residency in the 30,000-sq.-ft. facility.

UIU announced the low-cost lease agreement of the former Ideal Industries building in April 2017. In addition to the large building, the five-year lease-transfer agreement includes the six-acre property located just south of Harms-Eischeid Stadium at Fayette Campus. Following the end of the lease agreement, the building will be donated to the University.

“The PAAC offers our students ‘more,’” UIU Assistant Professor of Art Laura Gleissner said. “We now have more room for working, more exhibition space, more of what a larger university’s arts program can offer students, faculty and the entire community. By allowing students to observe other ongoing studio classes and work in a wider range of mediums, the PAAC provides for greater opportunities to collaborate and network across the 2-D and 3-D studio areas.”



“In addition to now having a more functional environment in which to explore multiple media, we have ample space to expand even further,” UIU Associate Professor of Art Elissa Wenthe said. “My hope is that we will be able to expand offerings outside of the UIU classrooms and provide community education courses, along with summer art camps for high school students.”

This fall the new facility allowed for the ceramics and sculpture courses to be held during the same session for the first time in UIU history. Students utilize the wood and metal shops to create even larger and more dynamic sculptures. Ceramic students have the space to spread out along several tables and can now use a gas kiln that had been in storage for a decade at UIU.

Additional 2017-18 class offerings at the PAAC include drawing, figure drawing, painting, advanced painting, ceramic pottery and screen printing.

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— *Elissa Wenthe* (Associate Professor of Art)



# ARTS AND ATHLETICS

Wenthe noted the environmental art students utilized the five acres of land that sits behind the building this past fall as an outdoor classroom. In the future, all painting, drawing, printmaking, environmental art, wheel throwing and handbuilding courses will be held in the PAAC.

facilities in Iowa. Each of the athletic teams will also enjoy individual offices and personalized storage lockers.

“The PAAC provides our student-athletes a facility to train in 24/7,” UIU Men’s and Women’s Golf Coach Michael Lewis said. “Development is key to the success of any athletic program, and

this facility will help in this manner. Having an indoor facility to showcase during the recruitment of our student-athletes will also be a great benefit to our coaching staffs.”

Noting that the coaching staffs and athletic equipment will begin moving into the building in January, Lewis reiterated the benefits that the PAAC provides to the entire University.

“This facility will play a key role in recruiting and retaining all students,” Lewis said. “Both the Athletic and Art departments will be able to promote community outreach programs, camps and other activities to help showcase UIU to people of all ages.”

UIU continues to raise funds for PAAC upgrades. Naming opportunities are available for art studios, indoor turf, batting cages, putting green, tee boxes, pins and holes, lockers and offices. Persons wishing to support the Peacock baseball, softball, golf and art programs should visit [uiu.edu/PAAC](http://uiu.edu/PAAC). 

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“We have not only witnessed an increase in first-time art students due to the new facility and expanded programming, but we have seen more collaboration between students during the first two sessions of this year than they have ever done in the nine years I have been teaching here,” Wenthe said. “Facilities are a key component to recruiting art students, and we now have the facilities that will entice and retain students. We want the PAAC to be used by the Art and Athletic departments throughout the year. It is a place Peacock art students and student-athletes can truly call home.”

“We have a great group of student-athletes in our art classes already, and we hope to build more connections with them in the future,” added Gleissner. “I’m excited that Athletics will soon move into the building and see the different connections that can be made between the Art and Athletic departments.”

Understandably, the biggest benefit to the baseball, softball and golf teams is a program-specific space for year-round practices. Batting cages, complete with turf, and an indoor putting green and chipping course will make this one of the largest indoor



Damiean Penichet  
Wrestling Team Member

# A portrait of UIU through digital archives

Foster Cass, Susan Angelina Collins, Zinita Graf, Henderson Library, The UIU Science Hall — these are all examples of people or places that can be found in the Upper Iowa University Digital Archives. The person managing these items is UIU Archivist Janette Garcia, whose main objective is to preserve and promote the history of the University.

“The digital archive is similar to an online museum,” Garcia said. “It is a collection of images, scans, oral histories and scholarly works completed by Upper Iowa faculty and students, all for the purpose of educating others on the history of UIU.”

The UIU Digital Archives have been active since August 2017. Upon reaching the website, a person has the option of browsing or searching for a specific item or topic. Each item exhibited is a culmination of all the information the University currently has on the specific topic. Aspects such as date, location and other standard information are attached to the items discussed within the archive.

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*- Janette Garcia (Archivist)*

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Garcia said that among the most interesting listings recently posted is the “Alvin Edgar and the 1921 Class Scrap.” According to an excerpt from the digital archives, the (UIU) freshmen and sophomore classes for many years would square off with each other in an event known as the “class scrap.” The actual competition changed throughout the years, including flag fights, push ball, tug-of-rope, and tie-up, a modified form of hide and seek.

The 1921 class scrap began at 1 a.m. on the evening of October 8. From 1 a.m. to 6:30 a.m., the men of the sophomore class had the task of trying to hide from members of the freshman class. The stipulation was they had to hide outside of buildings and remain within Fayette’s city limits. Neither the participating students nor any onlooker (as this was apparently a fun spectacle for the

townspeople as well) were allowed to assist in any way.

When freshmen captured sophomores, they were to tie them up hand and foot and take them to the oval lawn near Alexander-Dickman Hall. With the freshmen outnumbering the sophomore class, 39-14, the chances of the sophomores winning seemed futile. In only nine minutes the freshmen had found and hogtied each of the sophomores — with the lone exception of Alvin Edgar. The freshmen had heard rumors that Alvin Edgar was in Iowa City to attend a game between Iowa and Notre Dame.

As the end of the contest approached, the freshmen began to celebrate, and the sophomores ran to the southeast corner of the field and started digging, whereupon Edgar emerged from a hole in the ground. The judges decided that he was indeed within the rules and declared victory for the sophomore class.

It was later explained that the sophomore class officers had previously agreed that they did not want to lose once again to the freshmen. Edgar, the class secretary, had the idea that they dig a hole in the field, and he volunteered to hide there. During a storm the previous night they dug the hole, moved the dirt to a nearby garden and placed a large box in the hole, complete with breathing tube, flashlight and textbooks so he could study. They replaced the sod and hid it so well that when the football teams practiced near there that day, they did not even notice the ground was disturbed.

Garcia encourages students, faculty, staff and members of the public to view and add stories and information, such as the Class Scrap, to further expand the historical context of the digital archives. With a professor’s approval, students are able to submit a publication or senior project. The digital archives provide an opportunity for individuals to grow academically, while promoting and preserving the history of Upper Iowa University.

To view digital archives videos, visit <http://tiny.cc/uiuarchives>. To be notified when new videos are downloaded to the site, click the Subscribe button. For additional information, contact Janette Garcia at [garciaj26@uii.edu](mailto:garciaj26@uii.edu) or 563-425-5722. 

# Peacocks exhibit spirit for our military students and veterans



Upper Iowa University Student Veterans Club members hosted the Military and Veterans Service Center (MVSC) Open House and Dedication Ceremony in October 2017. Pictured with a wooden flag created by U.S. Marine and Iraq War veteran Larry Delph of Grunt Flags are club members (front, l-r) Jesse Vizzini, Iowa Army National Guard, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Arriq Reams, Army Reserves, Phoenix, Arizona; Nicholas Engelhardt, Army Reserves, Elkader, Iowa; Meredith Munier McDonald, Army Reserves, Central City, Iowa; (back) Bryce Teff, Marine Reserves, Calmar, Iowa; Jim Jacobs, Marines, Cedar Falls, Iowa; Billy Noecker, Navy, Decorah, Iowa; Morgan Lavaway, Iowa Army National Guard, Akron, Iowa; Johnathan Garcia, nonmilitary club member, Mission, Texas.

**P**eachock Spirit was on display during the Military and Veterans Service Center (MVSC) Open House and Dedication Ceremony at Fayette Campus Friday, October 27. The event, hosted by the UIU Student Veterans Club, coincided with 2017 Homecoming Week festivities.

Located on the upper level of Garbee Hall at UIU's Fayette Campus, the MVSC provides a relaxing space for veterans and military-affiliated students to study and connect with other students. Assistance is also available to students who need help navigating resources and referrals. In addition to the study area, the center features a pair of administrative offices, conference room and spacious lounge area. MVSC furnishings and supplies, including artwork, flags and flagpoles, have been purchased through generous donations from students, staff, faculty, alumni and other members of the Peacock community.



UIU Student Veterans Club President Nicholas Engelhardt (right), Army Reserves, Elkader, Iowa, presented President William R. Duffy with a plaque commemorating the dedication of the University's Military and Veterans Service Center in October.

Meanwhile, the development of a virtual MVSC continues. The service will provide resources for military and veteran students who attend classes online and at UIU centers. If funding can be secured, the MVSC aims to hire additional staff members and incorporate additional programs to further serve current and veteran military students.

UIU Director of Military and Veteran Services Chad Cook was joined by UIU President William R. Duffy and Student Veterans Club President Nicholas Engelhardt in leading the MVSC dedication ceremony. Spc. Engelhardt serves with the U.S. Army Reserves 389<sup>th</sup> Engineer Company. An environmental science major at UIU, Engelhardt is an Elkader, Iowa, native. 

UIU community members joined alumni, faculty, staff and students in exhibiting their Peacock Spirit during the Military and Veterans Service Center Open House and Dedication Ceremony at Fayette Campus Friday, October 27.



# 2017 ALUMNI EVENT HIGHLIGHTS



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1. Peacock Caravan: Iowa Tour (August 3) – Dubuque, Iowa
2. Peacock Caravan: Iowa Tour (July 13) – Mason City, Iowa
3. Alumni Night at the Ball Park (July 20) – Cedar Rapids, Iowa
4. Team Peacock Rides RAGBRAI (July 23-29) – Northern Iowa Route
5. Alumni Baseball Game (September 10) – Fayette, Iowa
6. Milwaukee/Elkhorn Anniversary Celebrations (September 14) – Milwaukee, Wisconsin
7. Madison Networking Luncheon (September 15) – Madison, Wisconsin
8. Tri-State Alumni Chapter Event (September 16) – Lancaster, Pennsylvania
9. Georgia Sip & Socialize (October 5) – Sandy Springs, Georgia
10. California Alumni Social (November 4) – Yorba Linda, California
11. Illinois Sip & Socialize (November 9) – Naperville, Illinois
12. Colorado Alumni Social (November 16) – Denver, Colorado

# Mock trial team has its day in court

Court is now in session for Upper Iowa University's inaugural mock trial team. Team coaches, Associate Professor of Business Christopher Kragnes Sr. and Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice Tiffany Kragnes, announced in November that the newly organized team enjoyed success in its first two contests. The UIU team posted three wins, four losses and one tie at Macalester College in St. Paul, Minnesota. In addition, many of the team members were listed on individual scoring ballots for outstanding performances. The Peacocks later received accolades for their roles as attorneys and witnesses at the Creighton University BlueJay Open in Omaha, Nebraska.

"We have a great foundation of students to build mock trial into a nationally competitive program," Christopher Kragnes Sr. said. "The hard work and dedication shown by a group of students, none of which had any other mock trial experience, has been incredible. The work ethic exhibited by each of them provides us great confidence in developing a sustainable program."

Two judges oversee mock trial rounds, and results are based upon each individual judge's scoring. Thus, four rounds would equal eight separate opportunities for a win, loss or a tie. Each invitation competition uses the American Mock Trial Association rules as far as procedure and how the tournament is run. However, each year the case problem changes. For example, this year the contest featured a criminal case, while last year was a civil case.

"Any student can be a part of mock trial," Tiffany Kragnes added. "We have a variety of majors represented on our current mock trial team. Mock trial prepares you to be able to think and rationalize a problem, which are all good qualities to have in any profession."

The 2017-18 UIU Mock Trial team includes co-captains Alison Leuchtenmacher, a junior accounting/psychology major from Elgin, Iowa, and Chris Kragnes Jr., a senior management major from Fayette, Iowa; Elizabeth Creveling, a freshman criminal justice major from Anamosa, Iowa; Erin Drahozal, a junior English major from Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Josie Roulson, a freshman elementary education major from West Union, Iowa; Kortney Lightfoot, a sophomore criminal justice major from Dubuque, Iowa; Ashley Brock, a senior forensic science major from Severance, Colorado; Cory Mullins, a senior financial management major from West Des Moines, Iowa; Breanna Ellis,

a freshman forensic science major from Oelwein, Iowa; Josh Norris, a senior forensic science major from Huxley, Iowa; Bronwyn Miller, a junior criminal justice major from Dubuque, Iowa; and Hunter Clark, a sophomore criminal justice major from Carlisle, Iowa.

"I didn't know what I was signing up for until I showed up to the first meeting," Leuchtenmacher said. "Initially, we started with what happened, and now we are getting into more of the rules of mock trial. It is an amazing experience. It doesn't matter what occupation a student is striving for. While the experience gives me a basic idea of what it is like to be in a courtroom, the mock trial program is actually a great opportunity for all majors."

To prepare for the competitions, Chris Kragnes Jr. explained that the team practices at least twice a week, running through various individual scenarios and complete trials. While acknowledging the team has a number of areas to improve on, he is extremely proud of the team's early success.

"I think that the UIU mock trial team is going to achieve greatness in the future," Chris Kragnes Jr. said. "This first year is a great learning experience for everyone involved, and I think the students who continue on the team next year are going to elevate the program to great heights."

The remaining mock trial schedule includes stops in Dubuque, Pella and a return trip to Macalester College for the Regional competition. 



UIU Mock Trial team members who competed in the team's debut tournament at Macalester College in St. Paul, Minnesota, were (front, l-r) Elizabeth Creveling, Erin Drahozal, Alison Leuchtenmacher, Josie Roulson; (back) Kortney Lightfoot, Ashley Brock, Cory Mullins, Chris Kragnes Jr., Breanna Ellis and Josh Norris. Not pictured are additional team members Bronwyn Miller and Hunter Clark. The team is coached by professors Christopher Sr. and Tiffany Kragnes.

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# PROTECTING AND SERVING

Upper Iowa University alumni Zac Sedlmayr '11 and Isaac Sedlmayr '15 appear to have been born to protect the things that surround them. Growing up near Green Valley State Park in southwest Iowa, the siblings shared an undying love for nature and all it has to offer. Their fondest childhood memories are the ones they created together outdoors, and this led to them enrolling in UIU's conservation management program.



Alumni and military siblings Zac '11 and Isaac '15 Sedlmayr returned to Fayette Campus to provide a conservation presentation as part of UIU's Field Sciences Speaker/Activity Series in September 2017. Pictured prior to the presentation are (l-r) Robert L. Fox Chair of Science Scott Figdore, Zac Sedlmayr, Isaac Sedlmayr, Professor of Geosciences Kata McCarville, and Associate Professor of Biology Jennifer Stoffel.

"Our dad was employed with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (retiring as its bureau chief of law enforcement in April 2017), so conservation was always a part of my life since I was a small boy," Isaac said. "It is what I still have a passion for, and I guess that is why Zac and I both pursued conservation careers."

Although the two Creston (Iowa) High School graduates did not attend UIU at the same time, Isaac still instilled a little academic rivalry into his enrollment — a competition that his older brother admits was probably a little one-sided.

"Let's just say, I was not a model student," Zac said with a grin. "I would skip a class to go turkey hunting on the season's opening day."

Before graduating, Isaac left something for future Peacocks to benefit from. As part of his senior project, he restored a

3.5-acre prairie near the Churbuck Prairie at Fayette Campus. The project was completed with the assistance of Associate Professor of Biology Jennifer Stoffel, Robert L. Fox Chair of Science Scott Figdore and Fayette County Conservation. The local conservation department also secured most of the funding for the space through a Pheasants Forever grant. The prairie area now complements UIU's other existing outdoor classroom spaces that most field science students utilize in their coursework.

Fast forward to the present. Zac is a senior conservation officer with Idaho Fish and Game, and Isaac has remained close to Fayette Campus while working with Fayette County Conservation's Gilbertson Conservation Education Area near Elgin, Iowa. In addition, Technical Sergeant Zac Sedlmayr is an A-10 mechanic with the U.S. Air National Guard, and Specialist Isaac Sedlmayr is a Chinook mechanic with the U.S. Army National Guard.

Sharing a strong brotherhood, Zac tries to return to Iowa and visit Isaac and the entire family as often as he can. Not surprisingly, when Isaac was recently scheduled to be deployed, Zac returned to northeast Iowa and spent a couple of weeks with his younger brother. During this time together they even returned to Fayette Campus and provided a conservation presentation as part of UIU's Field Sciences Speaker/Activity Series.

"I think as we grew up, Isaac and I were always protectors and defenders of people, animals and the land," Zac said. "I would say it is the way we were raised. The bottom line is that we are educators and that is why we do it. It becomes part of your life and it consumes you." 

Zac Sedlmayr '11 (pictured), senior conservation officer with Idaho Fish and Game, also serves as a technical sergeant with the U.S. Air National Guard. Zac's younger brother, Isaac '15, is employed with Fayette County Conservation's Gilbertson Conservation Education Area near Elgin, Iowa, and was recently deployed as a member of the U.S. Army National Guard.



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# Homecoming grand marshal has displayed 'Peacock Spirit' for over 30 years

**D**ressed head to toe in Peacock attire for almost every day he was employed with Upper Iowa University, it was of no real surprise when Kent McElvania was announced as Upper Iowa University's 2017 Homecoming grand marshal.

McElvania retired after 32 years of service to the University in September 2017. A Waterloo, Iowa, native, he first served as the head of admissions and financial aid at UIU. In 2003, McElvania assumed the duties of assistant athletic director for compliance. Prior to his retirement, he also served as the University's interim athletic director.

"I felt honored and humbled to be selected as this year's grand marshal," McElvania said. "A large number of quality faculty, staff, alumni and friends of the University have served as Homecoming grand marshal — people who made a big difference in the lives of Upper Iowa students. I am honored to follow in their footsteps."

Born and raised in Waterloo, Iowa, McElvania earned a bachelor's degree at Buena Vista University. While working in Buena Vista's Admissions Office, McElvania met James R. Rocheleau, the person that would eventually lead him to Upper Iowa University. Rocheleau became the president of Upper Iowa University in 1984, and McElvania joined him a year later to become a member of the Peacock family.

"I worked with four presidents and two interim presidents in the 32 years I was at Upper Iowa," McElvania said. "My job (as assistant athletic director for compliance) was to ensure that the University, student-athletes and coaches were all following NCAA rules."

McElvania explained that the best thing about his job was working with UIU students, coaches and staff. He noted that on a normal day, he couldn't walk across campus without a string of

students and coaches greeting him with smiles and kind words along the way.

For those who may wonder if McElvania had been reluctant to retire, he responds that he knew that the time was right for him to step away. With a smile beaming across his face, he explained his immediate plans are to spend more time with his wife, Lois, and family, including babysitting his three grandchildren. However, McElvania insists that Upper Iowa University will remain a large part of his life.

"I wasn't counting the days, but on the other hand I wasn't lamenting them either," said McElvania, who resides in West Union, Iowa. "I just felt like it was just right. It was time to leave. It was time to take the next step in my life. Lois and I will be doing a lot of traveling and watching Upper Iowa games. Anytime we are in town, we will definitely be found cheering at Peacock games."

It is undeniable that McElvania's presence will be greatly missed on campus. His love, passion and dedication to other people is a perfect example of a true Peacock.

"Do what is right," the 2017 UIU Homecoming grand marshal closed. "Do the best you can and treat others the way you want to be treated. I know everything that I continue to do in my life will follow those three principles." 

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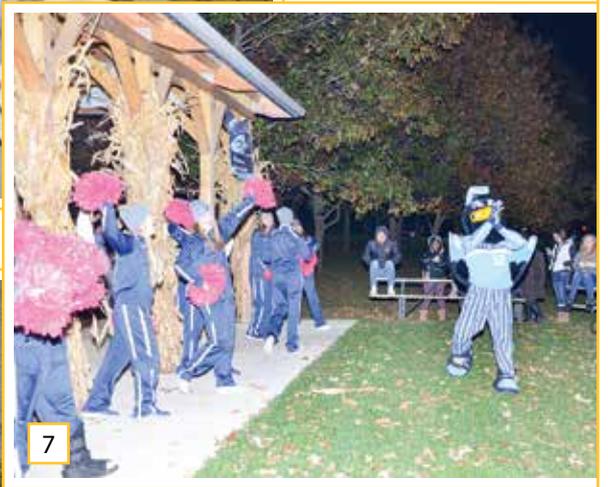
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# HOMECOMING '17 RECAP

- Students work on colorful ideas for the chalk drawing contest.
- Window painting is always a creative process during Homecoming.
- Alumni Association leaders gather before the parade: Don McGuire '63, Jason Waddell '12, Jann (Schellhammer) Henkes '78, Michele Matt '87, and Angie Joseph '82.
- Dr. Duffy and his wife, Sharon, enjoy the parade on Saturday morning.
- Tailgaters enjoy all the fun prior to and following the football game.
- Dr. Nigel George visits with Owen Abkes during the Research, Internship & Creative Endeavors poster session in Baker-Hebron Hall.
- Pete the Peacock and the UIU cheerleaders get the crowd fired up during the pep rally on Thursday evening.
- Homecoming King Carson Parker, New Hartford, Iowa, and Queen Madi Meier, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, pose for a quick photo.
- Beta Phi Omega members line up for the Homecoming parade.
- 30-degree temps didn't keep these UIU fans from showing their support.
- Michelle Matt '87, Laura Gleissner and Jann (Schellhammer) Henkes '78 visit at the Alumni Art Exhibit in Bing-Davis Gallery.
- It had been more than 50 years since Charles "Chuck" Cochran '66, Frank Weatherwax '65 and Frank Rundell '67 were on campus. They are the founders of the fraternity Beta Theta Phi.
- Alumni and guests enjoy themselves at the Welcome Home Dinner.
- Members of KPY(Kappa Pi Upsilon) brave the cold, even in the parade.
- Alumni and guests enjoy watching the game from the comfy warm suites in Harms-Eischeid Stadium.
- Dr. Duffy presents La'Mont Williams '10 with his alumni award at the Alumni Awards and Honor Class luncheon.
- The UIU football team gathers together for some team spirit prior to the start of the game.



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# PRESIDENT'S *Masquerade* BALL



1. Guests enjoy each other's company as they wait for dinner to be served.
2. Guests line up for red carpet photos before the festivities get started.  
*Photo courtesy of Tim '16 and Holly '10 Wolff.*
3. One of the fun events of the evening was playing Heads or Tailfeathers.
4. Student speaker Gina Britton shared her Peacock journey.
5. Marshall Richards '75 and his mother, Dorothy, pose for a photo before the ball.  
*Photo courtesy of Tim and Holly Wolff.*
6. Dr. Duffy and Sharon show off their dancing skills.
7. Adrienne Staton, Jacquelyn Arbegast and Lindsey Richard show us their colorful sides with masks provided for all attendees of the ball.
8. Alice '61 and Roger '62 Mangan enjoy themselves during the festivities.
9. Katherine Herrig and Nicholas Engelhardt visit with Jean Hupfer '65.
10. Students enjoyed taking lots of fun selfies using the masquerade theme.  
*Photo courtesy of Jeremy Chan.*
11. Dr. Billie Cowley '03, '08 and Tony Morris were once again the masters of ceremonies, keeping the crowd engaged throughout the evening.

# UIU alumni recognized for ‘Peacock Spirit’

Upper Iowa University honored five alumni as part of the Alumni and Awards Luncheon held during the University’s “Peacock Spirit 101” Homecoming celebration. In addition to paying tribute to the classes of '47, '57, '77, '92 and '07, special recognition was provided to the UIU Class of 1967 as its alumni members returned to Fayette Campus for their 50th reunion.

President William R. Duffy recognized the 2017 alumni awards to the following honorees for their accomplishments either professionally, as an emerging alumni or through service to the University, community or country.



## PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENT AWARD

**Dr. Marcia K. Anderson – Class of 1972**

Dr. Marcia Anderson became the first woman to enroll in Upper Iowa University’s care and prevention of athletic injuries program when she entered the University in 1968. After graduating from UIU in the top 10 of her class, she began her educational career

with the Jesup and North Fayette school districts in Iowa. After achieving a master’s degree in physical education at Indiana University, she was appointed as the director of the athletic training program at Bridgewater State College, where she served for 25 years. In addition, she was appointed chair of the Department of Movement Arts, Health Promotion & Leisure Studies.



## EMERGING ALUMNI AWARD

**La'Mont Williams – Class of 2010**

La'Mont Williams earned a criminology degree, with double minors in political science and history, at UIU. A wide receiver and team captain on the Peacock football team, he also served as Beta Phi Omega president, an ESL (English as a Second Language) tutor and an international ambassador. Williams is

an associate attorney at Nyhan Bambrick Kinzie & Lowry in Chicago. In addition to serving as an adjunct professor and coaching mock trial at Loyola University Chicago, he is also vice president of the associate board for Just The Beginning – A Pipeline Organization, Minority Legal Education Resources, Inc., board member, and 100 Black Men of America Chicago Chapter member.



## SERVICE TO COMMUNITY AWARD

**Daniel Bencivenga – Class of 2013**

Daniel Bencivenga has registered more than 180 hours of volunteer activities for various charitable organizations in San Antonio, Texas. He has helped build houses in support of Habitat for Humanity and lead the renovation of a local United Way center that is credited for improving school readiness, academic

proficiency and community safety. Senior Master Sergeant Bencivenga entered the U.S. Air Force in 1999. He is currently a cyber systems operations superintendent at Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Virginia. Bencivenga earned a bachelor’s degree in business administration while attending Upper Iowa University.



## SERVICE TO COUNTRY AWARD

**Michael Knight – Class of 2001**

Michael Knight enlisted in the Air Force on April 4, 1968. After receiving basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas, he received advanced training on aircraft maintenance at Sheppard Air Force Base, Wichita Falls, Texas. He was later stationed at Forbes Air Force Base in Topeka, Kansas, before being

deployed to Danang Air Force Base in Vietnam in September 1969. Knight retired in 2006 as chief master sergeant. During his 32 years of service, he was deployed to Kuwait, South Korea, Japan, Germany, England and Kosovo. Knight earned a bachelor’s degree in public administration at the UIU-Des Moines Center.



## SERVICE TO UNIVERSITY AWARD

**Jann (Schellhammer) Henkes – Class of 1978**

Jann Henkes is an Alumni Office volunteer and currently serves as UIU Alumni Association secretary. She is recognized for her tremendous involvement with UIU activities, attending and even hosting alumni events, and cheering on the Peacocks whenever the athletic teams are playing near her residences in Apple

Valley, Minnesota, or New Port Richey, Florida. Henkes also makes numerous trips to Fayette Campus throughout the fall and winter seasons to cheer on the wrestling and football teams. Henkes earned a bachelor’s degree in biology while attending UIU. She was employed in the human resources administration field with The QC Group, Inc., and GP Companies, Inc., before retiring in 2013.

Additional information about each of UIU’s Alumni Award recipients can be viewed at [uiu.edu/alumnispirit](http://uiu.edu/alumnispirit). 



# Studying abroad provides lessons in culture



## Studying Abroad

Upper Iowa University students also gain valuable experience and expand their horizons as part of the University's successful Study Abroad Program, which includes educational trips to England, Ireland and Spain. Among the American students to participate in the memorable experience were Anna Winter, Rochester, Minnesota, and Vanessa Westen, Washington, Iowa.

Winter said she quickly learned about cultural differences when she traveled to Spain. A senior with a double major in mathematics and biology, Winter appreciates her personal space and is extremely time conscious.

Upper Iowa University seniors Vanessa Westen, Anna Winter and Audrey Thai (l-r) recently discussed their international experiences with each other at the Fayette Campus Student Center. UIU students can choose from over 200 international and study programs to further enrich their global education.

Goodbye tears, hugs and kisses. For some students achieving an education abroad, the separation from friends and family can last a year or even longer. Being able to study abroad may be considered a luxury for both international and domestic students, while for others it is a rite of passage. Conversely, there is no doubt that studying abroad provides an experience that participating students treasure for a lifetime.

## An international student's experience

Not surprisingly, Audrey Thai, UIU senior psychology major from Bukit Mertajam, Penang, Malaysia, said among the first things witnessed by international students are the vast amount of Iowa cornfields and the friendliness of its people. Thai noted a cultural difference not often considered is experienced during most meals.

"Americans seem to usually use a fork to eat their food, but Malaysian students, like myself, typically use a fork to roll their food onto a spoon or a spoon by itself to eat a meal," Thai said.

In regard to her UIU educational experience, Thai said, "I liked the lectures here because they [faculty] are genuine in helping you with your studies. Students learn a lot and gain hands-on experience."

"The people in Spain are definitely more laid back about things, and they don't share a 'personal space' concept, which was difficult for me to comprehend," Winter said. "Being late for class or other activities was considered normal there, and that was also surprising to me. You could show up ten minutes late for something and no one was going to care."

Meanwhile, Westen studied in Ireland, where she not only learned more about the Irish culture but also discovered how small the world can be when she met another Iowan at Heathrow Airport in London, England.

"I didn't know the girl before going to Ireland, but when I met her at the airport I found out that she is from Fort Dodge, Iowa, and our high schools are rivals," said Westen, a senior elementary education major. "Now she is attending Augustana, so our universities are also rivals, but we consider ourselves best friends."

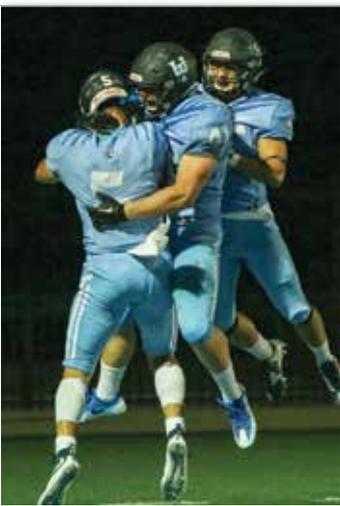
Discovering new cultures and developing lasting friendships while acquiring a global education is experienced by students participating in Upper Iowa's international and study abroad programs. With more than 200 programs to choose from, UIU students can unlock a treasure trove of opportunities. 

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# ATHLETICS WRAP-UP

## Football Posts Fourth Winning Season in Five Years

The Peacock football team finished the 2017 campaign with a 6-5 overall mark overall and a 3-4 NSIC South Division record. The winning season is the team's fourth in the last five years.



Since a five-year span from 1962 to 1966 that produced 32 wins, the 27 wins over the last five years are the most in program history. The Peacocks, who had only five winning seasons between 1966 (8-2) and 2013 (6-5), secured their 38<sup>th</sup> winning season with a 31-20 victory over SMSU.

Eight Peacocks have been selected to represent Upper Iowa on this year's All-Northern Sun Conference Teams. Two Peacocks earned a spot on the All-NSIC South Division first team, two made

the second team and four more were named to the honorable mention list.

Senior Quintin Taylor (OL) and junior Jojo Simpson (DE) were named to the All-NSIC South Division first team, while junior Ryan Parmely (RB) and senior Nate Skare (P) earned spots on the All-NSIC South Division second team. Seniors Jarred Edmonds (WR) and Keith Schwickerath (LB) joined junior Brent Lammers (QB) and sophomore Mitchel Siech (LB) on the All-NSIC honorable mention list.

Taylor started every game at center for the Peacocks this year. Upper Iowa averaged 183.2 yards per game on the ground, which ranked fifth best in the NSIC in 2017.

Simpson started and played in every game for the Peacocks at the defensive end position. The junior recorded 27 tackles, including 16 solo stops and 11.5 for loss, which ranked seventh in the conference.

Parmely rushed for six touchdowns and 871 yards, the fourth-highest total in the NSIC, and topped 100 yards in a game on three occasions. Parmely's personal best 250 yards in a single game, the second-highest tally in the NSIC this season, came on Homecoming weekend against Southwest Minnesota State University.

Skare punted 73 times, the second-most kicks in the NSIC, for 2,910 yards or an average of 39.9 yards per kick, which ranked as the fourth-best average in the conference.

Edmonds started all 11 games for the Peacocks and hauled in six touchdowns on 61 catches, which ranked fourth in the NSIC. His 897 yards in receptions was the second-highest total in the conference this season and fifth-best single-season mark in UIU history.

Lammers played in 10 games in his first season as the starting quarterback. The Manchester, Iowa, product recorded an NSIC-leading 2,463 yards in total offense for UIU. His 547 rushing yards were the highest total among quarterbacks in the conference, and his 1,916 passing yards were the second most yards in the NSIC.

Schwickerath led the Peacock defense in tackles with 81, which ranked 15th in the NSIC. In his final season, the senior linebacker blocked three punts, the fifth most in the nation and tops in the conference. A pair of his blocked punts led to touchdowns in the season opener at UMC, one of which was scored by Schwickerath after he picked up his own block.

Siech was third on the team with 65 total tackles and second on the team in tackles for loss with nine. The sophomore linebacker added two sacks, an interception, a forced fumble and a recovered fumble. 

## Hartzell assumes athletic director duties

Rick Hartzell assumed his duties as the University's new director of athletics Wednesday, January 3. Hartzell is no stranger to northeast Iowa; he served as the director of athletics at Northern Iowa from 1999 through 2008. Prior to his arrival at Northern Iowa, Hartzell was the director of athletics at Bucknell University from 1988 through 1999 and the University of Maryland - Baltimore County from 1985 to 1988.



Rick Hartzell

"I am humbled to have been selected to serve Upper Iowa University as its next director of athletics," said Hartzell. "I've long known that UIU is a special place and I am confident that its very best days are ahead. The quality of the student-athletes, faculty, staff, alumni and all those I have met throughout this search process cause me to be proud as a Peacock to join the UIU family today."

During his time in athletic administration, Hartzell developed championship-level athletic programs, found success in fundraising and hired several highly successful head coaches and staff. In addition to his three stints as director of athletics, Hartzell held administrative positions at Northwestern University and University of Iowa and coaching positions at Iowa, Coe College and Northern Iowa.

# ATHLETICS WRAP-UP

## Volleyball Reaches New Heights with 21 Wins

The volleyball team (21-9) wrapped up their 2017 campaign in their first-ever Northern Sun Conference Tournament appearance with a loss to the No. 4 Mustangs of Southwest Minnesota State University. The program soared to new heights this season, as their 21 wins set a new season high for the program since the Iowa Conference began sponsoring the sport 36 years ago. Previously the team had reached 16 wins twice. This season the team went 3-9 against teams in the AVCA Top 25 or receiving votes and was 18-0 against the remaining opponents on the schedule. The Peacocks received votes in the AVCA Top 25 every week of the season except for the first two. They achieved a No. 25 ranking for a week and finished the season as the fourth team outside the rankings, or the de facto No. 29 team in the nation.



Anna Winter



Ashley Larson

Anna Winter earned All-NSIC second team honors as a sophomore. The Peacock outside hitter led the Peacocks on offense with 345 kills and a 3.19 per set average. Winter hit .249 and committed only 64 errors on her 1,129 swings. Senior Ashley Larson surpassed the 1,000-dig mark at Upper Iowa late in the season, becoming just the eighth Peacock in program history to reach that milestone. UIU returns loads of talent on the outside, in the middle and on the backline from this year's squad. Junior middle Bethany Lovhaug led the NSIC in blocks with 120 and blocks per set with 1.25. 

## Women's Soccer Finds Success in Second Half of Season

Upper Iowa finished the 2017 season with a 5-11-1 overall record and a 5-9-1 mark in the Northern Sun Conference. After a tough 1-7-1 start to the year, the Peacocks rebounded and finished 4-4 in their final eight games.

Sophomore Birgit Rijnders was named to the All-NSIC third team after starting all 17 matches. The Berlaar, Belgium native scored a pair of goals, both game-winners, in 2017. Her first game-winner came at home against the Sioux Falls Cougars, and the latter in a game at MSU Moorhead. She led the Peacocks with 55 shot attempts, including a pair of 10-shot games against Southwest Minnesota State and Northern State. Rijnders averaged 3.24 shot attempts per game this season. She also added three assists this season for a total of seven points.

UIU missed the postseason for just the second time in the last six seasons, and said goodbye to six seniors in goalkeeper Caila Petrie, who tallied 85 saves in over 1,555 minutes in net, as well as Lexi Vaughn, Gina Britton, Charlotte Ryan, Rachel Fowler and Makayla Nassy-Wong. Head coach James Price, who wrapped up his second season at UIU, will bring back a key group of talent. Jordyn Ostrowski, UIU's leader in goals with six, will return as well as Lia Passini, Kelsey Hall and Mayte Van Hees. Sophomore Corel Carmichael, Laura Murray, Molly Doran, Hannah Dotter and Maddie North all played key roles for the team as well. 



Birgit Rijnders

## Injuries Derail Promising Start to Men's Soccer Season

Upper Iowa wrapped up the 2017 campaign under first-year head coach Willie McGowan with a victory over Southwest Baptist. The Peacocks finished 7-10 overall and 1-7 in the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

UIU was led by All-MIAA and All-Central Region performers Ruairidh Crawford and Italo Martins Soares. Crawford, a senior from West Linton, Scotland, landed first team all-region honors after picking up his first All-MIAA honor on the first team as well. Crawford led the team with eight goals this season, and tallied 23 shots, the second most on the squad. Martins Soares, a freshman out of Brasilia, Brazil, was named second team all-region and second team all-conference. The forward finished second with seven scores, and his four assists were a team best. He led the squad with 30 shots as well, and placed 23 on frame.

The Peacocks had six players named to the All-MIAA squad. Crawford and sophomore Seth Russell picked up first-team honors. Martins Soares earned a second-team nod, and joining him on the second team were Connor Rortvedt and Marko Cirko. Rortvedt capped off a remarkable career with 313 saves, which ranks third in program history. Rortvedt started every match this season and tallied over 1,534 minutes in net, setting a new single-season UIU record. His 96 saves were the most in the league this season, ranked 25<sup>th</sup> nationally and were a new career best for the senior. Freshman Cameron Bosacki rounded out the group with an honorable mention honor.

# ATHLETICS WRAP-UP

## The UIU 2017 Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2017

Upper Iowa University inducted the following five members into its Athletics Hall of Fame (HOF) Class as part of Hall of Fame Weekend festivities held on September 8-9, 2017.



UIU Hall of Fame 2017 Inductees include (left to right) Jesse Montalto '04, Brent Meyers '03, Cindy (Rubel) Dell'Anno '93, Angie Weber '06 and Mitch Walsler '07

**Jesse Montalto '04 (Athlete)** graduated as one of the most prolific receivers in Peacock history. Currently the Ellsworth Community College head football coach, Montalto finished his UIU career with 178 receptions (sixth best all-time) for 2,621 yards (third).

**Brent Meyers '03 (Athlete)** earned All-American wrestling honors as a NCAA Division III national champion at 197 lbs. in 2003 and when placing sixth at 184 in the 2002 national tournament. He was also named Academic All-American in 2003.

**Cindy (Rubel) Dell'Anno '93 (Athlete)** was a three-year letter winner in softball and basketball. A First Team Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference selection in 1992, Dell'Anno amassed a .481 slugging percentage that ranks eighth all-time at UIU. On the basketball court, Dell'Anno was named the team's Defensive Player of the Year in 1993.

**Angie Weber '06 (Athlete)** was named to the 2003 Louisville Slugger/NFCA All-Region Third Team in softball. The former UIU pitcher posted the top three single-season marks for strikeouts in 2005 (304), '04 (224) and '03 (222).

**Mitch Walsler '07 (Athlete)** was the first Peacock named All-American in a Division II team sport. A two-year letter winner in baseball, Walsler was named to the 2007 NCAA Division II Daktronics & Rawlings/ABCA All-American Second Teams. *Note: The Bridge — Summer 2017 issue erroneously stated Mitch Walsler was the first Peacock named All-American in a UIU team sport. We apologize for this error.*

## Nate Skare Earns Second CoSIDA Academic All-District Honor

Upper Iowa's senior punter Nate Skare was named to the CoSIDA Academic All-District team for Super Region 4 for the second time in his career. The teams recognize the nation's top student-athletes for their combined performances athletically and in the classroom. The Northern Sun Conference was well represented, with 16 of the 24 honorees.

The punter picked up his second award when he was named to the All-NSIC South Division second team. The senior recorded three touchbacks and 10 fair catches, and placed 22 punts inside the opponent's 20-yard line. Skare's strong right leg produced 10 kicks longer than 50 yards, including a season-high 62-yarder at Augustana University in UIU's 21-20 victory in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. During his four years of punting, the Spring Valley, Minnesota, native registered 269 punts for 10,298 yards or a career average of 38.3 yards per punt. Skare knocked 28 of his kicks farther than 50 yards, and pinned opponents inside the 20-yard line 70 times.

The Academic All-District® teams include student-athletes listed for football and volleyball, and are divided into eight geographic districts across the United States and Canada.

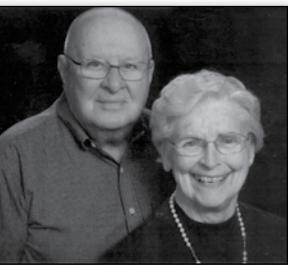
The CoSIDA Academic All-America® separately recognizes honorees in four divisions — NCAA Division I, NCAA Division II, NCAA Division III and College Division. The College Division includes all NAIA, Canadian and two-year schools.

To be nominated for the All-District teams, a student-athlete must be a starter or an important reserve with at least a 3.30 cumulative grade point average (on a 4.0 scale) at his/her current institution. 

## Young Cross Country Team Makes Strides

The Peacock cross country team placed 15<sup>th</sup> at the NSIC Cross Country Championships and 31<sup>st</sup> at the NCAA Central Regional. During the NSIC Championships in Moorhead, Minnesota, the team was led by freshman Christonna Shafranski, who placed 91<sup>st</sup> with a time of 24:51.6. Alyssa Weber finished 104<sup>th</sup> with a time of 25:16.2 to place second on the team. Madison Brownrigg placed 106<sup>th</sup> with a time of 25:23.6, while Lucy Syverson (25:38.1) placed 121<sup>st</sup> and Breyanna Hill (29:41.0) placed 133<sup>rd</sup>. At the NCAA Regional in Kearney, Nebraska, Upper Iowa scored 873 points. Brownrigg led the Peacocks with a time of 24:53.23 to place 150<sup>th</sup> overall. Shafranski finished with a time of 25:11.38 to place 163<sup>rd</sup>, while Weber (25:25.15) finished third on the team. Syverson (26:18.30) and Hill (30:12.97) rounded out the lineup for the Peacocks.

# CLASS NOTES



**1960s** Alan '56 and Janann (Mork) '55 Seabrooke, Elgin, Iowa, celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Friday, June 2, 2017.

**John '66 and Ruth '66 (Lewis) Lundgren**, Castle Rock, Colorado, visited the Alhambra UNESCO site near Granada, Spain, in September 2017.

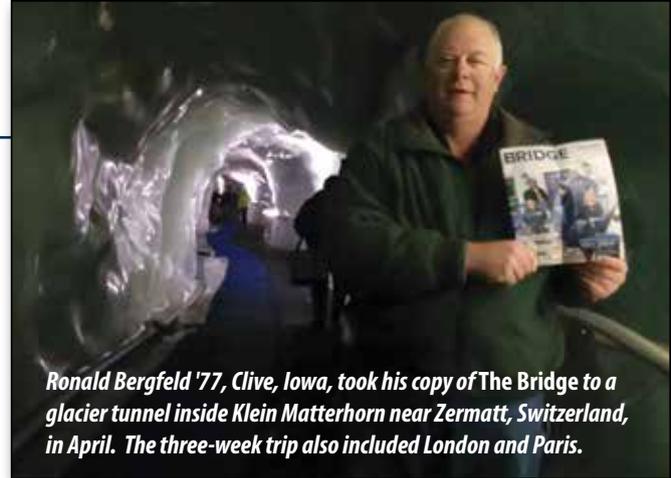


**Harve Rosenthal '66**, Thousand Palms, California, retired from the hospitality industry after 50 years and recently completed a project for the Miami International Airport Hotel. Rosenthal and his wife reside in California and enjoy making trips to Los Angeles to visit family.

**1970s** Frederick Schnell '71, Sandy, Oregon, was inducted into the Northwest Athletic Conference (NWAC) Hall of Fame for his nearly 30 years of service to Mt. Hood Community College athletics.



**Lawrence (Larry) Mulholland '73**, Eastland, Texas, was inducted into the Northwest Illinois Sports Hall of Fame at its 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Banquet in Savanna, Illinois, on October 14, 2017.



*Ronald Bergfeld '77, Clive, Iowa, took his copy of The Bridge to a glacier tunnel inside Klein Matterhorn near Zermatt, Switzerland, in April. The three-week trip also included London and Paris.*

**James Foth '78**, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, was named the United States Tennis Association (USTA) Missouri Valley Iowa District High School Coach of the Year for 2017. Foth led the team to an undefeated regular season and first-ever WaMaC Conference boys tennis title in school history. Coach Foth is the all-time winningest varsity boys tennis coach in Marion High School history.



## Mike Eischeid '63 attends Oakland Raiders reunion

*(Editor's note: UIU Hall of Fame football player Mike Eischeid '63 attended the NFL Oakland Raiders 50-Year Anniversary Reunion of the 1967 Super Bowl team. The following information is republished with permission of Fayette County Newspapers. The entire article, which was written by former UIU faculty member and current Fayette County Newspapers sports editor Jerry Wadian, can be viewed in the Class Notes section at uiubridge.com.)*

Both Fayette and West Union, Iowa, have a claim to Mike Eischeid, but so does the National Football League (NFL). Eischeid, a graduate of Fayette High School and Upper Iowa University, currently lives in West Union. However, he also spent the best part of 11 years in the NFL, where he went from being cut four times to playing in three Super Bowls.

Last Thursday (October 19), Mike Eischeid was back at the scene of his first NFL game, The Oakland Coliseum, for a 50-Year Anniversary reunion of the 1967 Super Bowl II Oakland team that lost to Green Bay, 33-14.

The reunion sparked a lot of memories for Eischeid, including a road to the NFL that wasn't exactly a smooth one. Born in Orange City, Mike followed his football-coaching father, ending up in Fayette, where "Eb" Eischeid became head coach, athletic director and a school legend.

"I started as a QB at UIU but was moved to defense," the younger Eischeid recalled.

"When your dad moves you to defense, you know you're probably not really a quarterback," laughed the only Peacock to ever play in an NFL game.

While he treasures all three Super Bowl appearances, the first one with Oakland stands out.

"It was the first time, and it was all new. Also, we had a very special group of guys; we were

a very, very close group. That's why it was so great to see some of them again," explained the former Peacock.

Eischeid had stayed in touch with a few of the former Raiders, like Roger Byrd. Mike and several former teammates went to Canton, Ohio, when Raiders owner Al Davis was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1992.

After strolling down memory lane, the former pro said, "I really have to thank all my former coaches, teammates, and especially (wife) Joy and my father, who supported me so much throughout my career."

The area legend concluded, "You know, for having been cut four times, this country boy's had a pretty good career. I've been very blessed."



Mike Eischeid (left) talks with former Oakland Raiders teammate Pete Banaszak (center) and coach John Madden during the recent Raiders reunion.

# CLASS NOTES



**1980s** Frank Rodriguez '80, Atlanta, Georgia, is pictured in Edinburgh, Scotland, holding the Summer 2017 edition of *The Bridge*.

Lori Meyer '82, Mankato, Minnesota, the head softball coach at Minnesota

State, coached her team to the NCAA Division II National Championship. For the first time ever, Minnesota State is the Division II softball champion after beating Angelo State.

Gary Weber '82, Clear Lake, Iowa, was inducted into the Iowa National Wrestling Hall of Fame. In 2015, he retired after 34 years of coaching and 446 victories. Weber wrestled at Upper Iowa University from 1977 to 1981.

Rick Heller '86, Iowa City, Iowa, coached the Iowa Hawkeye baseball team to the NCAA Tournament. The team won the Big Ten Tournament title.

Michael Prochaska '89, Stewartville, Minnesota, accepted an executive position with Amazon. He previously worked in an executive position at IBM Smart Business. Prochaska serves on the UIU Board of Trustees.

Mariea (Mutschler) Schnor '89, '13, Fairbank, Iowa, has been named assistant professor of accounting at Upper Iowa University on the Fayette Campus. She previously taught as an adjunct instructor for the University of Northern Iowa.

**1990s** Jason Zilk '94, Des Moines, Iowa, was awarded with the "Des Moines Neighbors Public Employee Recognition Award" at the annual Rodine Mickle Neighborhood Appreciation Dinner.

Brigadier General Benjamin Corell '95, Harpers Ferry, Iowa, was selected to serve as the next Deputy Adjutant General of the

Iowa Army National Guard. He assumed this position on September 1, 2017.

Mario Coleman '97, Park Forest, Illinois, was hired as the boys basketball coach at Crete-Monee High School in Crete, Illinois.

Jason Koch '97, Waterloo, Iowa, was hired at Veridian Credit Union as an insurance agent for Veridian Insurance.

Cheryl Manns '98, Verona, Wisconsin, was named internal audit manager for Community Care Inc. She will be assessing the effectiveness of the organization's system controls over operations, financial reporting and compliance.

**2000s** Sandra Klosterman '00, West Union, Iowa, is the new program director for the West Union Chamber – A Main Street Community.

Robert Fagen '01, Spencer, Iowa, will be working as the finance director for the city of Des Moines, Iowa, after 10 years as city manager for the city of Spencer, Iowa.

Melissa (Bovy) Neebel '01, Waterloo, Iowa, was promoted at Veridian Credit Union as branch manager of its Cedar Heights location. Neebel has worked at Veridian for 20 years and was previously the branch manager at its Independence, Iowa, location.

Faith Wallowing Bull '01, Riverton, Wyoming, has been working as the chief financial officer for Wind River Casino in Riverton, Wyoming, for two years.



Ryan '03 and Jessalyn Ernst, Bellevue, Iowa, welcomed their daughter, Jentry Rose Ernst, on August 24, 2017.

Tammy (Cegielski) Filipiak '02, Mosinee, Wisconsin, was appointed president of the American Dental Hygienists' Association at the 94<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference held on June 20, 2017. Filipiak has served the organization in various roles and has been recognized for her leadership with numerous awards.



Weston Burkholder '05, Lanark, Illinois, was inducted into the Northwest Illinois Sports Hall of Fame at its 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Banquet in Savanna, Illinois, on October 14, 2017.

David '05 and Brooke (Creelman) '05 Manion, San Bruno, California, welcomed their first child, Addyson Evelyn Manion, in 2017.

Jessica Bloker '06, '16, Janesville, Iowa, was hired as the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade behavior disorder teacher in Waverly, Iowa.

Anita Miller '07, '16, Jesup, Iowa, accepted a teaching position at St. Athanasius Catholic Church in Jesup, Iowa.

David Bathke '08, Payson, Arizona, was named fire chief for Ocean Shores, Washington. Bathke has 40 years of experience in various cities, including working as a firefighter, paramedic, lieutenant, captain, training officer, battalion chief and fire chief.

Dionne (Saunders) Meehan '08, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, has joined the Healthy Food Ingredients (HFI) team as the vice president of quality, compliance and safety.

Averi (Alderdyce) Nelson '08, Daingerfield, Texas, and her husband, Davin, welcomed a new bundle of joy. Ainsley Jo Nelson was born May 26, 2017.

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**Kristopher Bolhuis '09**, Wellsburg, Iowa, accepted the HES DME patient care coordinator position at VGM Group's Homelink Division.

**Angeline (Mueller) Kelly '09**, Cedar Falls, Iowa, accepted a position at Veridian Credit Union in Waterloo as project manager.

**2010s** **Erin (Kelley) '10** and Nick Fjelland, Rockford, Illinois, welcomed their daughter, Marie Cora, on August 22, 2017. She joins big brother Eli.



**Nathan '11** and Heather **Borne**, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, were wed on May 7, 2017, at Raffaldini Vineyards in Ronda, North Carolina.

**Monte Graff '11**, Oelwein, Iowa, was promoted to user support and network service administrator at Upper Iowa University.

**Ashley (Icenogle) Lee '11** and her husband,



Dillon Lee, Lone Tree, Iowa, welcomed their daughter, Raelynn Marie, on August 29. Ashley was also promoted from receptionist at AW Welt Ambrisco Insurance to commercial lines account manager.

**Elizabeth (Langham) Seres '11**, Hudson, Iowa, was promoted to manager of card service at Veridian Credit Union of Waterloo. Seres has worked at Veridian for 16 years.

**William "BJ" Buss '12**, Appleton, Wisconsin, was announced as the Xavier High School girls basketball coach. In the 2016-17 season, he coached the Appleton North girls basketball team to the Division I WIAA state championship title.

**Justin Marchant '12**, Shell Rock, Iowa, graduated from Iowa Association of Business and Industry (ABI)'s Leadership Iowa University in June.

**Jesse Waller '12**, Fayette, Iowa, accepted a teaching position as the 3- and 4-year-old preschool teacher at North Fayette Valley Community Schools' Valley location in Elgin, Iowa.

**Layne '13** and Meredith **Huber**, Boulder City, Nevada, welcomed their daughter, Lily Louise Huber, on June 26, 2017. Their little bundle of joy was 7 lbs. and 19.5 inches long.

**Ashley (Johnson) '13** and Josh **Stanbrough**,



Waucoma, Iowa, are happy to announce the arrival of their daughter, McKlain Marie, on September 14, 2017. Their new bundle of joy weighed 9 lbs. 3 oz. and was

21 inches long.

**Jeff Juhl '13**, Elk Run Heights, Iowa, accepted a position as a group health patient care coordinator for VGM's Homelink Division in Waterloo, Iowa.

**Amy (Litwiler) Schrader '14**, Dysart, Iowa, joined the Weaton Franciscan Healthcare-Iowa team as a nurse practitioner. She will provide care to eight Covenant Clinics in Iowa.

**Jeremy Fontenot '15**, Baker, Louisiana, enters his second year coaching the Southern University Lady Jaguar soccer team. Last year, he coached his team to a 3-14 season and they made it to the Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) Tournament for the first time since 2014.

**Michael O'Kelley '15**, Greenwood, Indiana, has been appointed the executive director of packaging at Legacy Pharmaceutical Packaging.

**Mary Baldwin '16**, Waterloo, Iowa, has joined The Courier as a cash receipts clerk.

**Aleesha Cleaver '16**, Davis, Illinois, has been hired as the head volleyball coach for William Penn University in Oskaloosa, Iowa.

**Shelby Frana '16**, Decorah, Iowa, will teach three- and four-year-old preschool at Keystone Elementary School within the Benton Community School District located in Keystone, Iowa.

**Teaya (Minks) Hayes '16**, Waterloo, Iowa, was hired by Veridian Credit Union of Waterloo, Iowa, as the compliance officer.

**Amanda Kalb '16**, Maynard, Iowa, was named director and preschool teacher at Rainbow Land Preschool and Daycare in Fayette, Iowa.

**Brent Keemle '16**, Rock Island, Illinois, accepted a position at Bettendorf Middle School as the 6<sup>th</sup> grade social studies teacher.

**Amanda Kleespies '16**, Lawler, Iowa, took a 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teaching position at CFS Catholic School in Calmar, Iowa.

**Olivia Miller '16**, Waukee, Iowa, was hired to teach 7<sup>th</sup> grade English and language arts at Urbandale Middle School in Urbandale, Iowa.

**Christina Neil '16**, Fairbank, Iowa, began teaching 4<sup>th</sup> grade at West Central Community School in Maynard, Iowa, for the fall of 2017.

**Jessie (Prunty) Perry '16**, Battle Ground, Washington, accepted the first grade teaching position at Tukes Valley Primary in Battle Ground.

**Emily (Engelken) Salow '16**, Dyersville, Iowa, accepted a preschool teaching position in Petersburg, Iowa.

**Amber (McKinney) Shelley '16**, Waukee, Iowa, has joined the Timber Ridge Elementary faculty in Johnson, Iowa. She is teaching special education for developmental kindergarten.

**Nicole Thomson '16**, Norwalk, Iowa, accepted a position teaching special education at Jensen Elementary in Urbandale, Iowa.

**Corina (Leedom) Tracy '16**, Brentwood, Tennessee, was selected by Nashville Medical News for its Class of 2017 Women to Watch, recognizing the top 10 health care industry leaders in Middle Tennessee. Tracy is Compassus chief operating officer.

**Matthew Vagts '16**, West Union, Iowa, is teaching physical education and reading to elementary students in the Northeast Hamilton School District in Blairsburg, Iowa, for the 2017-18 school year.

**Kelsey Vlazny '16**, Farmersburg, Iowa, accepted a position as instructional strategist II, teaching special education for Clayton Ridge Elementary in Guttenburg, Iowa.

**Leif White '16**, Clermont, Iowa, will serve as the conservation technician for Gilbertson Nature Center in Elgin, Iowa. White worked as a custodian at UIU for the past nine years.

**Dylan Block '17**, Tripoli, Iowa, began teaching 7<sup>th</sup> grade math at Algona Middle School in the fall of 2017.

**Alexander Dean '17**, Lisbon, Iowa, accepted a position teaching physical education for grades 6-12 at Winfield-Mt. Union in Winfield, Iowa.

**Gina (DiDonato) Dunn '17**, Ankeny, Iowa, accepted the 5<sup>th</sup> grade teaching position at Holy Family Catholic School in Des Moines, Iowa.

**Samantha Frost '17**, Cedar Falls, Iowa, was hired as the 5th grade teacher at Highland in Waterloo, Iowa.

**Stacey (Van Laar) Hanson '17**, Altoona, Iowa, is teaching third grade at River Woods Elementary with the Des Moines Public School District as of the fall of 2017.

**Lauren (Gingerich) Hayes '17**, Des Moines, Iowa, was hired as the director and lead teacher at Bethany Preschool in Des Moines.

**Kami Kile '17**, Norwalk, Iowa, accepted an English as a second language (ESL) position at Hogan Elementary School in Marshalltown, Iowa. She will be teaching 4th grade students.

**Cathy Lewis '17**, Clive, Iowa, accepted the 4<sup>th</sup> grade teaching position for West Central Valley School District at Dexter Elementary.

**Jennifer (Hemesath) '17** and Dannon Mohs welcomed their baby boy, Jax, on June 20. After graduation, Jenni accepted a part-time position as an ESL instructor in the Nashua Plainfield School District.

**Alexandra Morozov '17**, Ankeny, Iowa, was hired to teach kindergarten at Van Buren Elementary School with the Van Buren Community School District

**Jessica Sparks '17**, La Porte City, Iowa, was hired as a patient care coordinator for the Homelink Division at the VGM Group in Waterloo, Iowa.

**Gabriel Wittenburg '17**, Readlyn, Iowa, was hired to teach a multi-aged classroom for North Fayette Valley School District. She will be working in the Valley location in Elgin, Iowa.



## In remembrance of Rudy Kraus

The Peacock family joins the entire community in mourning the death of Dr. Rudolph "Rudy" Kraus, longtime resident of Fayette and former UIU Board of Trustee Chair. Rudy was elected to the Board of Trustees in April 1985 and assumed the role of chairman in October of the same year. His service as chairman of the Board continued until October 1990. During this challenging period for the University, Rudy acted as chairman of the "Vision of the Future Committee," which adopted a University strategic plan that helped transition UIU from a time of uncertainty to an era of enrollment increases and expansion.

Always a faithful community member, Rudy balanced his service to UIU with many other commitments, including operating a dental practice in Fayette from 1982 to 2012, service on the Fayette City Council, membership on the Fayette Library Board and City Tree Board, and his lifetime love and commitment to his family. A veteran of the U.S. Air Force, Rudy served four years of active duty during the Vietnam War. He also served in the Iowa Army National Guard, retired as a colonel from the Army Reserves in 2002, and continued his commitment to our country as a dedicated member of Fayette's American Legion Post #339 in Fayette, Iowa.

Many people had the privilege of encountering Rudy on campus and in the community. A frequent visitor to the UIU Recreation Center and swimming pool, and loyal attendee of various athletic and university events, he was always quick with a smile or kind word. Rudy had a great passion and affinity for Upper Iowa's mission, community and family.

He is survived by his loving wife of 52 years, Martha (Wolfe) Kraus, their children, Karl Kraus and wife Tiffany, Sarah Waldoch and husband Chad, Kate Miller and husband Chris, Maggie Gardner and husband Mark, 10 grandchildren, and one sister, Mary Kraus.



*Rudy Kraus*



# IN MEMORIAM

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Evelyn (Turner) Schmidt, '33  
03/30/2007, Plymouth, IN

Sayde (Patterson) Fisher, '40  
06/27/2017, Lexington, MO

Frances (Morgan) Kuehl, '41  
10/13/2017, Bettendorf, IA

Norma (Kimpston) Lawrence, '45  
01/12/2017, Cedar Rapids, IA

Duane Knos, '47  
06/30/2017, Rupert, ID

Norbert Duffy, '50  
04/09/2017, Waukon, IA

Bertha (Cordes) Schuchmann, '50  
06/13/2017, Arlington, IA

Emma (Stanley) Ortberg, '54  
06/04/2017, Readlyn, IA

Joann Bennett, '59  
12/23/2016, Laguna Beach, CA

Carl Klug, '61  
01/11/2017, Oelwein, IA

Judy (Martin) Rasmussen, '61  
09/05/2017, Shell Rock, IA

Onalee (Coleman) Oakes, '63  
09/24/2017, Fayette, IA

Kenneth Holmes, '66  
12/16/2016, Fort Collins, CO

Verla (Tuecke) Bente, '67  
05/13/2017, Garnavillo, IA

Michael Newland, '69  
09/16/2016, Lake City, IA

Dorothea (Olsen) Odekirk, '71  
07/10/2017, Fayette, IA

David Abrams, '76  
06/12/2017, Laurens, SC

Daniel Evans, '77  
07/06/2017, Council Bluffs, IA

William Hazelgrove, '78  
11/16/2017, Richmond, VA

Vance Holley, '81  
12/16/2016, Coeur d'Alene, ID

Darrel Forsman, '69  
10/02/2017, Carmel, IN

James Severson, '83  
11/13/2017, Ankeny, IA

David Damge, '85  
06/29/2017, Waterloo, IA

Robert Hanson, '85  
10/28/2017, APO San Fran, CA

Joel Henning, '85  
07/09/2017, Grinnell, IA

Shawn Burt, '87  
07/25/2017, Waterloo, IA

Karith (Remmen) Humpal, '99  
04/01/2015, Lawler, IA

Jessica (Chihak) Miller, '02  
07/11/2017, Evansdale, IA

Cecelia Johnson, '04, '07  
11/13/2017, Waterloo, IA

Eugene Morgan, '05  
07/06/2015, Powder Springs, GA

Kerry (Morris) Paine, '10  
06/03/2017, Altoona, IA

Michael Moser, '15  
06/23/2017, Saint Charles, MO

Jean (Kotrous) Wherrell, '16  
01/03/2017, Manhattan, KS

John Smith, Current student  
08/03/2017, Indianapolis, IN

George Horton, Former faculty  
09/27/2017, Jacksonville, IL

Richard Huntoon, Former faculty  
01/02/2017, Tomahawk, WI

Dennis Smith, Former faculty  
06/02/2017, Cedar Falls, IA

Delpha (Appel) Bowman, Former student  
11/04/2017, Garber, IA

Bradley Boyle, Former student  
06/22/2017, West Union, IA

Roberta (Adams) Brannon, Former student  
06/07/2017, Fredericksburg, IA

Leona (Kadera) Braun, Former student  
06/11/2017, Sumner, IA

James Chapman, Former student  
01/02/2017, Marion, IA

Merle Hageman, Former student  
08/30/2017, Aplington, IA

James Hungerford, Former student  
10/11/2016, Marshalltown, IA

Arnold Jurgensen, Former student  
05/30/2017, Sumner, IA

Alberta (Cannell) Kirchhoff, Former student  
09/24/2017, Sumner, IA

Randy Lahey, Former student  
08/15/2017, Maquoketa, IA

Wilma (Averhoff) Lamka, Former student  
11/13/2017, Fredericksburg, IA

Corinne Schoien, Former student  
11/17/2017, Elgin, IA

Dolores (Strief) Shannon, Former student  
08/14/2017, Independence, IA

Richard Allen Smith, Former student  
07/07/2017, Sumner, IA

Mary (Gildner) Sorge, Former student  
09/11/2017, Denver, IA

Jeanette (Jarchow) Vossberg, Former student,  
10/15/2017, Janesville, IA

Rodney Copeman, Friend of UIU  
06/10/2015, Chatfield, MN

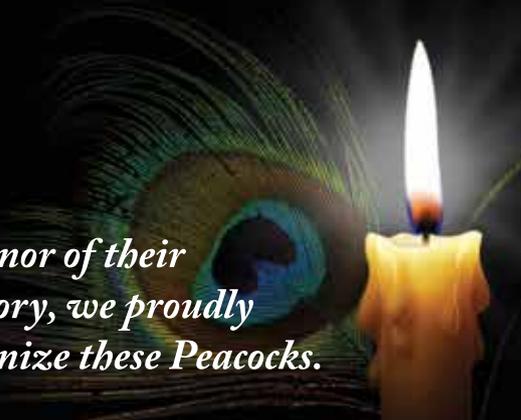
Rudolph Kraus, Friend of UIU  
10/02/2017, Fayette, IA

Verdell Schmalte, Friend of UIU  
10/05/2016, Fayette, IA

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## 'In Memoriam' submissions...

Should you learn of the passing of a fellow Peacock, please notify the  
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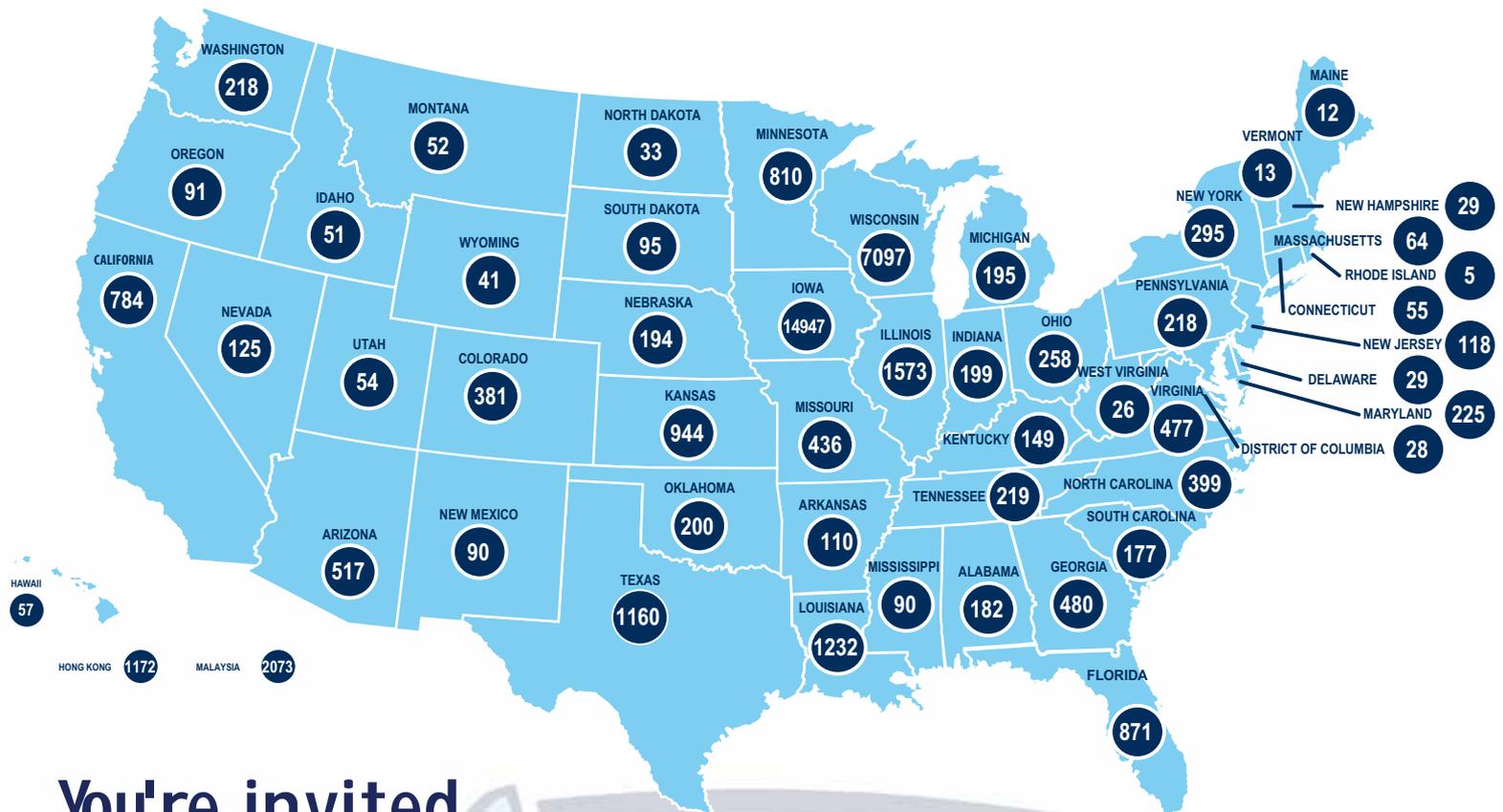


*In honor of their  
memory, we proudly  
recognize these Peacocks.*

# 2018 ALUMNI CALENDAR OF EVENTS



As you can see in the map below, our Peacock family is scattered all over the country and the world. That is why we pinpoint heavily populated alumni cities to host events throughout the year. Our current alumni head count by state is growing and we want to make sure to include you as well. Please contact us if you have relocated, so we can update our records. Thank you, and we look forward to seeing you soon at an upcoming event.



## You're invited...

- January 11: Arizona Mix & Mingle – Tucson, Arizona
- January 12: Arizona Mix & Mingle – Scottsdale, Arizona
- January 20: Tri-State Alumni Experience – Yorktown, Virginia
- January 27: St. Louis Mix & Mingle – St. Louis, Missouri
- February 2-3: Basketball Alumni Weekend – Fayette, Iowa
- February 8-22: Peacock Caravan: Cabin Fever Tour
  - February 8 – Manchester, Iowa
  - February 22 – Des Moines, Iowa
  - March 22 – Waverly, Iowa
- February 10: Alumni Night at Young Arena – Waterloo, Iowa
- February 11: Mike Olson Wrestling Dual & Wrestling Alumni Reunion – Fayette, Iowa
- February 14: Kiss Under the Arch – Fayette, Iowa
- February 24: Alumni Mix & Mingle – Jacksonville, Florida
- March 9-10: NCAA Division II Wrestling Championship hosted by UIU – Cedar Rapids, Iowa
- April 6: New Alumni Mixer – Fayette, Iowa
- April 7: Volleyball, Women's Soccer and Men's Soccer Alumni Games – Fayette, Iowa
- April 14: Honors & Awards Banquet – Fayette, Iowa
- April 21: UIU Carnival – Fayette, Iowa
- April 25: Giving Day
- April 28: Tri-State Alumni Experience – Washington, D.C.
- May 5: Upper Iowa University Commencement – Fayette, Iowa
- May 11: UIU-Hong Kong Commencement – Hong Kong
- May 13: UIU-Malaysia Commencement – Malaysia
- June 8: 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Peacock Classic Golf Outing – Fayette, Iowa
- July 22-28: Team Peacock Rides RAGBRAI – across Iowa
- August 16: Alumni Night at the Ball Park – Cedar Rapids, Iowa
- September 14-15: Hall of Fame Weekend – Fayette, Iowa
- September 16: Alumni Baseball Reunion – Fayette, Iowa
- October 11-13: HOMECOMING 2018 – Fayette, Iowa

**Please note:** Event dates and locations are subject to change. For the latest event information or to RSVP, visit [uiu.edu/alumni/events](http://uiu.edu/alumni/events).



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## Legacy Scholarships now available

Sons and daughters of UIU alumni are eligible to receive the Legacy Scholarship. The Legacy Scholarship applies to all children, including adopted or legal stepchildren, and will not exclude those children who are independent of the family due to marriage or age. The Scholarship is offered to full-time undergraduate students at all UIU locations.

In order to qualify for the Legacy Scholarship, students must indicate that their parent is an alumnus/alumna, and list his/her name on their application for admission. A student can only qualify for one Legacy Scholarship.



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

### Giving Day 2018 scheduled to begin April 25

Upper Iowa University will spring forward Wednesday, April 25, with Giving Day 2018. The annual event provides alumni, faculty, staff, students and friends of the University an opportunity to make a positive impact in the lives of future UIU students.

Giving Day is a fun way to engage and challenge Peacock nation to further support future UIU students and programming via gifts from donors. The University will highlight giving challenges that will be unveiled as the event approaches. As the challenges are completed, they often unlock major matching gifts. Challenges are based on participation rather than the size of the gift; thus, a small gift has just as much impact as a large gift in beating the challenge and unlocking a large matching gift.

**GIVE to UIU!** In addition to donating a gift, event organizers suggest there are several ways people will be able to show their support for UIU during Giving Day 2018: follow the UIU Alumni & Friends Facebook page UIU on social media to receive regular updates on the progress of individual challenges, share favorite UIU photos via social media by using the event hashtag and make a gift of your choice during the event. Additional information on Giving Day 2018 will be announced as the event draws near.